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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Claim 13 recites a spigot having "a locking band with a constant cross-sectional geometry along its length," not a spigot having two cylinders. Claim 13 also recites "the receiving portion engaging the locking band of the spigot in the stem bore," not a first cylindrical portion of the stem bore engaging the periphery of a first cylinder.

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